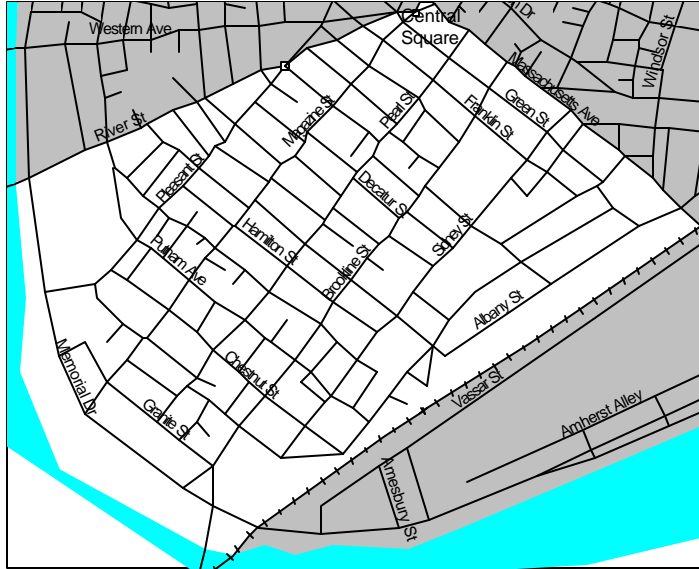
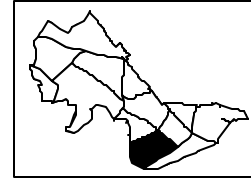


NEIGHBORHOOD 5

CAMBRIDGEPORT



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

POPULATION: 9,100 residents
4,203 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A and 5B, as well as parts of walking route 12X (Central Square).

2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Housebreaks (+51%) continued to plague the Cambridgeport neighborhood throughout the first nine months of 2002. Apartment buildings on Brookline, Pearl, and Magazine Streets continue to be targeted during the late afternoon hours on weekdays, particularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suspects typically broke in by forcing open windows or front doors and leaving with electronics and jewelry. • **Street robberies** decreased significantly (52%) in the third quarter of 2002. More than half of the robberies reported occurred on Massachusetts Avenue. Three street robberies involved the threat of a weapon: two involved a handgun and one involved a knife. In one handgun incident, the suspect approached the victim, asking if the victim wanted to buy drugs. When the victim said no, the suspect showed a handgun and told the victim to give up his gold chains. • **Auto theft** decreased slightly in the third quarter of 2002. No clear patterns were reported, but a high concentration of thefts was reported along River Street, which borders both the Cambridgeport and Riverside neighborhoods. Most of these thefts were committed during the summer months. • All but two of the **drug arrests** were linked to other crimes, such as a motor vehicle stop or leaving a restaurant without paying the bill. The remaining two were the result of officers observing a drug-deal between two Cambridge men and observing two Newton men sitting in their car in a cloud of marijuana smoke.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

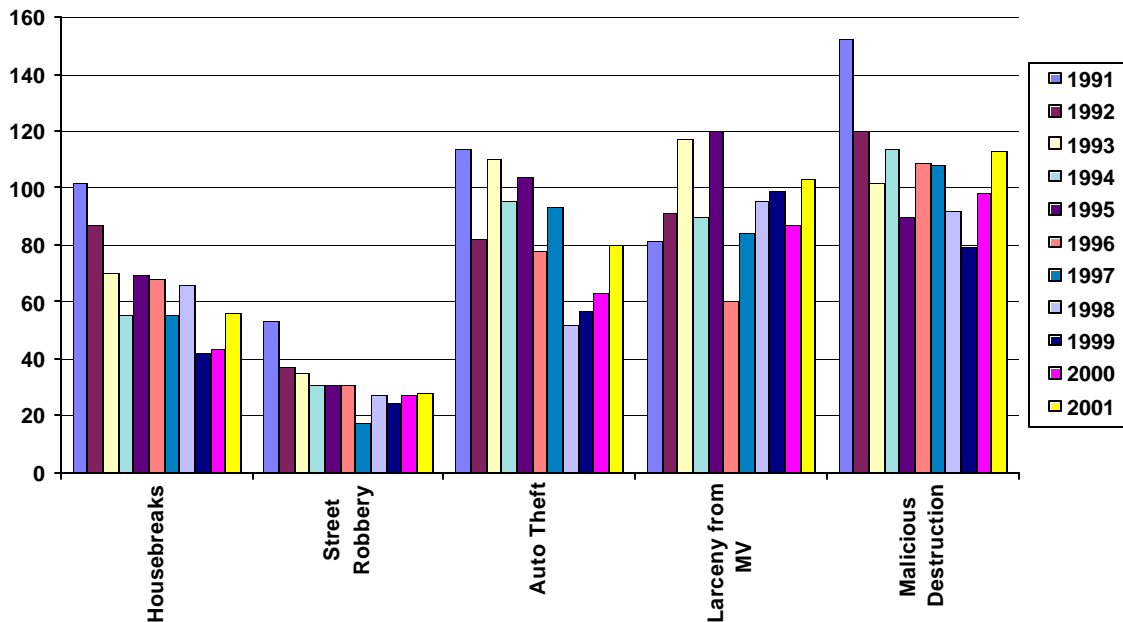
CRIME	3 rd Q 2001	3 rd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	39	59	+51%
Street Robbery	19	9	-53%
Auto Theft	57	50	-12%
Larceny from MVs	76	54	-29%
Malicious Destruction	90	105	+17%

Drug Arrests	9	13	+44%
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NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	156	2	67	2	5
Street Robbery	57	2	33	2	1
Auto Theft	165	1	85	1	1
Larceny from MVs	126	4	94	3	2
Malicious Destruction	106	6	110	3	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest